



## Courts seek help collecting costs, fees

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GENESEE COUNTY - Genesee County soon might be looking for an outside agency to help collect past-due fines, court costs and attorney fees.

The county Board of Commissioners last week gave tentative approval for its Purchasing Department to work with Central District and Genesee Circuit courts to develop a request for proposals that could lead to hiring a collection agency.

The courts are committed to increased collections, officials told commissioners, but have limitations on collecting because of the lack of staff.

Accounts receivable for Central District Court since Jan. 1, 2006, are about \$3 million. In Circuit Court, accounts receivable in the criminal and family divisions for the same period are about \$1.6 million -not including restitution and accounts for which there is an active payment plan, officials said.

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